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From Rina Geoghagan

“I have reviewed Cristin Kent’s investigative report concerning complaints made by two school district employees. Although mine was a peripheral role, I feel compelled to correct the record as to an error in the report. The events took place while I was serving as assistant principal at Lowell Elementary School. I was approached by a school district employee who reported that she had observed another school staff member interacting with students in ways she believed were inappropriate. Ms. Kent has one important fact wrong regarding what was said to me. Contrary to her report, **the individual never told me that a staff member had ‘kissed’ or ‘may have kissed’ the foot of a disabled student.** That was not the nature of the conduct that was reported to me. My hand written notes of our conversation provided to the district and to the investigator bear out the fact that no such specifics were ever brought to my attention.

I stand behind what I did in response to that report. I investigated it and took appropriate action consistent with the district’s guidelines – in this case, additional education for the person whose conduct was in question. As an assistant principal, that is where my involvement ended. I had no role in any subsequent investigation of those who leveled the accusations in the first place.

I share the concerns of all persons looking out for the welfare of students and of disabled students in particular. I know that my own actions and those of the other administrators in the building were motivated by that shared concern rather than by any other interest.”